

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE

IN THE MATTER OF THE APPLICATION)	
OF VERIZON DELAWARE LLC FOR THE)	
COMMENCEMENT OF PROCEEDINGS PURSUANT)	
TO 47 U.S.C. § 546 REGARDING THE)	
RENEWAL OF THE CABLE TELEVISION)	PSC DOCKET NO. 19-0314
FRANCHISE TO SERVE CERTAIN)	
UNINCORPORATED AREAS OF NEW CASTLE,)	
KENT, AND SUSSEX COUNTIES, DELAWARE)	
(FILED APRIL 29, 2019))	

ORDER NO. 9445

AND NOW, this 20th day of August 2019, the Delaware Public Service Commission (the “Commission”) determines and orders as follows:

WHEREAS, on April 29, 2019, Verizon Delaware LLC (“Verizon”) filed a letter with the Commission (the “Application”) pursuant to Section 626 of the Communications Act of 1934, as amended, giving notice that it was seeking renewal of the cable television franchise granted by the Commission in November 2006, for the unincorporated areas of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties (the “Franchise Territory”) that was to expire by its terms on November 21, 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Commission issued Order No. 9402 (the “Order”) on June 18, 2019, which directed the following:

- a) designated Mark Lawrence as Hearing Examiner to conduct three public hearings in the Franchise Territory for the purpose of identifying the further cable-related needs and interests for the communities;
- b) set October 25, 2019, as the date for interested persons or entities to file written comments or objections to the Application;
- c) established August 8, 2019, as the date for the filing of Petitions for Intervention; and
- d) directed Verizon to provide public notice by July 18, 2019, in two publications of general circulation in a form contained in

- e) Exhibit A of the Order which provided notice of the Application, the Commission's Order, and the deadlines for intervention petitions and written comments.

and;

WHEREAS, during the week of July 22, 2019, Verizon informed Commission Staff ("Staff") that due to mistake or inadvertence the public notice of the Application had not been published in the newspapers by the July 18, 2019 deadline; and

WHEREAS, on July 31, 2019, Verizon filed a Motion to Revise Schedule, requesting a change in the date for potentially interested persons or entities to file Petition for Intervention, and the deadlines for publication of notice and proof of publication set forth in the Order; and

WHEREAS, Staff submitted a memo stating that it agreed with Verizon's assessment that changes to the schedule will not impact the docket; accordingly, Staff's support Verizon's Motion and recommends the Commission's approving the requested revised schedule;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AFFIRMATIVE VOTE OF NOT FEWER THAN THREE COMMISSIONERS, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

1. The Commission determines that the docket is in its very early stage and a revision of the schedule as Verizon proposes will have no impact on the orderly and timely processing of this docket and will not affect the rights of any person or entity seeking to participate in the proceeding.

2. The Commission's Order No. 9402 shall remain in effect and all terms shall remain except as follows:

- a) The deadline for interested persons or entities to file Petitions for Intervention shall be October 20, 2019;
- b) Verizon shall publish notice no later than September 10, 2019;
- c) Verizon shall file proof of publication of such notice with the Commission or before October 10, 2019;

- d) The publications in which the notice shall be placed shall be the same as set forth in Order 9402; and
- e) The revised form of notice with updated dates is attached as Exhibit A of the Order.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

Commissioner

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ATTEST:

Secretary

"EXHIBIT A"

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**PUBLIC NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF VERIZON DELAWARE, LLC
FOR RENEWAL OF CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE**

TO: ALL CUSTOMERS OF VERIZON DELAWARE, LLC:

On April 29, 2019, Verizon Delaware, LLC, ("Verizon") filed an application (the "Application") with the Delaware Public Service Commission (the "Commission"), seeking renewal of its current cable television franchise (the "Franchise") serving unincorporated areas of New Castle, Kent, and Sussex Counties (the "Franchise Territory").

On June 18, 2019, the Commission entered PSC Order No. 9402, which opened a docket for consideration of the Application and directed completion of three public comment sessions for the purpose of: (a) identifying the future cable-related community needs and interests; and (b) reviewing the performance of the cable operator under the Franchise during the current Franchise term. The Commission will hold three separate public comment sessions on the Application at a date and time to be

determined. Separate notice of the public comment sessions will be published in this newspaper and will be posted on the Commission's website at <http://depssc.delaware.gov/>.

Interested persons or entities may file written comments or objections to the Application. Any written comments must be sent to the Commission at the following address:

Public Service Commission
861 Silver Lake Blvd.
Cannon Bldg., Suite 100
Dover, DE 19904
Attn: PSC Docket No. 19-0314

Written comments may also be sent electronically to psc@delaware.gov and should include "PSC Docket No. 19-0314" in the subject line. Such written comments or objections must be filed with the Commission **on or before October 29, 2019**. Any written comments received after October 29, 2019 will not be considered without good cause.

The Commission will hold a public evidentiary hearing (the "Evidentiary Hearing") on the Application during the Commission's regularly scheduled meeting at its Dover Office at a date and time to be determined.

If you wish to formally participate as a party in this matter with the right to present evidence at the Evidentiary Hearing, you must file with the Commission a written petition requesting leave to intervene ("Petitions For Intervention") in accordance with the requirements of 26 Del. Admin. C. § 1001-2.9 of the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure **on or before October 20, 2019**. Petitions for Intervention received after October 20, 2019 will not be considered without good cause.

You are invited to review the Application and supporting documents to determine whether your interests may be affected. You may review the Application and supporting material in person at the Commission's Dover office or on the Commission's website <https://delafile.delaware.gov> for DelaFile, its electronic filing system. Under Search Docket # insert 19-0314. You may also review the Application and supporting documents at the office of the Division of the Public Advocate located at the Carvel State Office Building, 4th Floor, 820 North French Street, Wilmington, DE 19801 or 29 South State Street, Dover, DE 19904. Please call (302) 577-5077 for the Wilmington Office or (302) 241-2555 for the Dover Office or 1-888-607-2427 to arrange a time to review the documents at that location.

If you have a disability and wish to participate or to review the materials in this matter, please contact the Commission to discuss any auxiliary aids or services you might need to help you. You may contact the Commission in person, by writing, by telephone (including text telephone) or by e-mail.

If you have questions about this matter, you may call the Commission at 1-800-282-8574 (toll-free in Delaware) or (302) 736-7500 (voice and text telephone). You may also send questions regarding this matter by e-mail addressed to psc@delaware.gov and include "PSC Docket No. 19-0314" in the subject line.